

REMARKS

The claims were amended to address the purported points of unclarity noted by the Examiner. Claim 19 was newly added to incorporate the subject matter removed from claim 16. Claims 20-24 are newly added, and are similar in certain respects to claims 1, 2 and 7 and 8, 9, respectively. Support for the subject matter of claim 23 is found in the specification at least at page 15, lines 4-7. No new matter is added. Claims 20-24 are also deemed to be allowable.

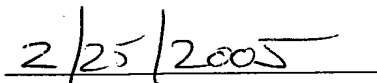
The foregoing amendments were made to address claim objections, and are thus clearly not made for a reason related to patentability. In addition, the new claims 19-24 are added without canceling other claims, and are herewith submitted to ensure the Applicants the claim coverage that they appear to be entitled to. As such, and despite the foregoing amendments to the claims, the full range of equivalents should remain available and unimpaired for all of the elements of all of the pending claims of this patent application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the objection to claims 1, 8 and 14-16, and to allow all of the pending claims 1-24 as now presented for examination. An early notification of the allowability of claims 1-24 is earnestly solicited.

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